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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Robert J. DiStasio, et al.

Serial No. 10/015,408

Examiner James Smith

Filed: December 12, 2001

Group 3723

For: Removal Tool for Locking Nut, Bolt and Clip Systems and Assemblies

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Box Non-Fee Amendment

Sir:

This is a response to the Communication dated December 4, 2002 and further responsive to the outstanding Office Actions dated November 22 and October 23, 2002 (Paper No. 5). Please debit or credit Deposit Account No.03-1231 for any overpayments/underpayments. In the Office Action, the examiner requested election of a species.

Applicant elects, without traverse:

(D) FIGS. 23-35

Claim groups for elected species:

Claims 1-6

Claims 7, 8, 13-17

Claims 24-27

Claims 28-29, 34-38